

UNITE THE USA

Unite the USA is the birth of a dream
And may not be as difficult as it may seem,
When good people get together to do what is right
The fulfillment of the dream may possibly be in sight.
"Nothing ventured, nothing gained" was stated long ago
If we capture this vision it may prove to be so,
Our wonderful country truly needs to unite
If we catch the vision it may be in sight!
For those with this passion we give our thanks
May we with determination join their ranks,
It is really amazing what our God can do
Through folks just like me and you.

- Pastor Lyle Petersen

A Must Read For All Americans . . .

Have You Read the Bill of Rights Lately?

It's time for change. It's time for a change of focus: We must shift from magnifying America's weaknesses and concentrate on her strengths. Drown out the anti-American speeches with the singing of "God Bless America." Throw out articles that disparage our nation. Turn a deaf ear to anti-American celebrities. Instead, spread the message of patriotism:

The United States of America *is* worthy to be honored, respected, and appreciated. No other nation on earth offers freedom, a quest for justice, education for all, and the opportunity to vote. Not only can the American people elect their leaders, but they also can run for office. Men, women, and peoples of all backgrounds can vote in the United States.

The United States of America offers a wealth of freedom and equal rights for all. Let us appreciate and love our freedom and our country. Let us revere and thank our servicemen and women for bravely defending our freedom.

It is time for us to take ownership of our citizenship! Read, study, and understand the rights and freedom given in the United States Bill of Rights and Constitution. (Please [click here](#) to read the United States Constitution. As an American citizen, it is your duty to understand the content of the Constitution and educate yourself about your rights and freedom.)

A fantastic summary of America's freedom entered the pages of our history books after January 6, 1941. On this day, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt exemplarily explained four freedoms in his State of the Union Address. These four freedoms should not only unite our nation, but also command respect and admiration for our God-given freedom:

Freedom of Speech and Expression: In America, we speak and express opinions without government interference or punishment. Countries around the world, such as China, do not permit the freedom of speech to their countrymen. We possess the ability to voice opinions freely.

Freedom of Religion: Indeed, our founding fathers clearly specified that all Americans have freedom of religion. According to our Constitution, government interference in the church is not permitted. Unlike the popular belief, the Constitution does not quote “separation of church and state” and it does not say that the church should stay out of our government and public institutions. Instead, the Constitution clearly explains that the people have the freedom of religion without government regulation. According to the First Amendment, “Congress shall make **no law** respecting an establishment of religion, or **prohibiting** the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Freedom from Want: Our nation strives to protect people from want. Unlike communist or tyrannical nations, the United States gives freedom to everyone. All people can pursue their dreams without direct government interference. The United States of America strives to reduce poverty and give people opportunity and honor.

Freedom from Fear: Unlike other nations, the majority of Americans are able to live their lives without living in fear. In general, the American people can live safely and securely in their homes and neighborhoods. For example, families can peacefully tuck their children into bed without fear of a midnight bombing. Men and women can go to work without worry of suicide bombers. Indeed, that fact alone proves that the United States provides a safe environment for her people.

With fervent patriotism, let’s pledge allegiance to the United States of America, and to the God who allows our nation to exist. Cherish freedom and equal rights. **Cherish America.**

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